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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Examiner's April 18, 2006 Office Action finally rejecting the claims in the above-identified application. A check in the amount of \$250.00 for filing this appeal is enclosed herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.191(d) and 1.17(b) for a small entity.

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Respectfully submitted,

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